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SUBJECT: HARTMAN-PALLISER MEMCON

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY PALLISER MET FOR FORTY MINUTES JANUARY 28. AFTER TOUCHING BRIEFLY ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BONN ("WE MADE A DENT ON THE GERMANS," I.E. - WE IMPRESSED ON THEM THE NEED FOR A MORE STIMULATIVE ECONOMIC PACKAGE), THE TWO MEN REVIEWED IN RAPID, STACCATO ORDER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

2. SUMMIT - HARTMAN SAID THERE WAS GROWING SENTIMENT THAT PROJECTED ECONOMIC SUMMIT WOULD HAVE TO EMBRACE POLITICAL AND MILITARY SUBJECTS AS WELL. PALLISER READILY AGREED, OBSERVING THAT THE POLITICAL IMPACT, ESPECIALLY ON THE THIRD WORLD, OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT PURELY ECONOMIC SUMMITS FAILED TO BE TAKEN SUFFICIENTLY INTO ACCOUNT.

AMONG THE SUBJECTS ON WHICH CONCERTED EFFORTS WERE
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NEEDED HARTMAN LISTED CYPRUS (ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY HIBBERT -- SEPTTEL), RHODESIA, MIDDLE EAST (HARTMAN NOTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT HAD VOICED CONCERN TO PRIME MINISTER ABOUT POSSIBLE EFFECT OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, ESPECIALLY ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION), ARMS CONTROL, AND PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

HARTMAN SAID VICE PRESIDENT WAS COLLECTING IDEAS TO FEED INTO PREPARATIONS FOR THE SUMMIT, AND THAT CANADIANS STILL HAD TO BE CONSULTED. HE SAID THAT TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL WOULD COORDINATE ECONOMIC PREPARATIONS, THAT UNDER SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WOULD SUPERVISE STATE'S PREPARATIONS, AND ENTIRE EFFORT WOULD BE CAREFULLY CLEARED WITH CONGRESS.

HARTMAN NOTED THAT JAPANESE MAY WISH TO ABSTAIN ON SOME OF THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT HAD TOLD ROY JENKINS THAT US STRONGLY SUPPORTED EC PARTICIPATION. PALLISER, CITING DUTCHH IN PARTICULAR, WARNED THAT SMALLER STATES MIGHT OBJECT TO BEING EXCLUDED FROM SUMMIT IF POLITICAL, MILITARY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS WERE TO BE DISCUSSED. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT TO KEEP ON CALLING IT AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT. HIBBERT (BRITISH NOTETAKER) INTERJECTED THAT PREPARATIONS COULD PERHAPS BE CONDUCTED BY FOUR POWERS USING BERLIN FIGLEAF, BUT ALL AGREED THAT COVER WAS WEARING THIN. THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION ON ORDER AND TIMING OF VARIOUS TOP LEVEL MEETINGS (OECD, NATO, "ECONOMIC" SUMMIT) SCHEDULED FOR SPRING.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS - HARTMAN NOTED THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WAS PAYING A GREAT DEAL MORE ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND WAS READIER TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF SOVIET PERFORMANCE IN THIS REGARD. PALLISER SAID HMG
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TOO WAS DOING MORE ON THIS SUBJECT. BOTH MEN AGREED ON THE NEED FOR A CAREFUL, BALANCED APPROACH TO BELGRADE, KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER BASKET III, BUT NOT PROVOKING THEM INTO WALKING OUT OF THE CONFERENCE. HARTMAN SAID THAT US STRATEGY ON APPROACHING BELGRADE WOULD CLEARLY BE INFLUENCED BY SUCH THINGS AS CHARTER 77 AND RECENT SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN ACTIONS AGAINST DISSIDENTS.

4. CARIBBEAN - HARTMAN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE SITUATION IN THE CARIBBEAN WAS GROWING MORE AND MORE EXPLOSIVE. PALLISER SAID THE BRITISH HAD RECENTLY HELD A CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE THERE, AND FOUND THE SITUATION IN GUYANA MORE TROUBLING THAN CUBA. THE ECONOMIC TROUBLES OF JAMAICA, HE SAID, MIGHT NEED MORE

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THAN THE USUAL IMF TREATMENT. HE WONDERED WHY SOVIET AID PROGRAMS, SELF-INTERESTED THOUGH THEY ARE, SHOULD BE SO MORE EFFECTIVE THAN OURS, E.G. IN INDIA. HE THOUGHT CARIBBEAN STATES MIGHT FIND SOVIET AID OFFERS APPEALING.

5. AID - HARTMAN SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WAS DETERMINED TO INCREASE FOREIGN AID, BUT THAT ANY MOVES IN THIS DIRECTION WOULD BE MADE ONLY AFTER VERY CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS.

6. ENERGY - PRESIDENT CARTER HAS URGED JIM SCHLESINGER TO HAVE A HARD GO AT ENERGY PROBLEMS, PLACING HEAVY EMPHASIS ON CONSUMPTION RESTRAINT, CUTTING DOWN OF WASTE, GREATER USE OF COAL, AND MORE ATTENTION TO INTERNATIONAL R AND D. PALLISER INFORMED HARTMAN THAT JACK RAMPTON (PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY, ENERGY) HAD PUT HIMSELF FORWARD AS A CANDIDATE TO REPLACE DAVIGNON ON IEA, AND INQUIRED ABOUT US VIEWS. HARTMAN REPLIED THAT US HAD EARLIER SUPPORTED CANDIDACY OF PETER TOWE, BUT WAS PREPARED TO SHIFT TO ROHWEDDER IF CONSENSUS DEVELOPED. FOR TIME BEING, IT WOULD PROBABLY WAIT AND SEE.

7. EC AGRICULTURAL POLICY - VICE PRESIDENT HAD DIS-
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CUSSED WITH JENKINS. PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE LESS

DOGMATIC ON THEORY OF AGRICULTURAL POLICY, BUT SOMETHING WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE. WITHOUT GOING TO HEART OF CAP, US LOOKED FOR ACTION ON CONTROLLING EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND INTERVENTION STOCKING. SCHMIDT INDICATED TO VICE PRESIDENT THAT HE WOULDN'T MIND BEING PRESSED.

8. SPAIN - HARTMAN SAID US IS QUITE CONCERNED OVER CURRENT SITUATION. PALLISER INTERJECTED THAT SPANISH AMBASSADOR IS TOO. HARTMAN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WAS KEEPING COOL IN FACE OF EXTREME PROVOCATIONS.

9. PORTUGAL - HARTMAN NOTED THAT 300 MILLION DOLLAR BRIDGING LOAN IS SET. FRG, JAPAN, DUTCH, SCANDINAVIANS WILL BE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE GIVE SOMETHING. (PALLISER NOTED THAT THE DUTCH COMPLAIN THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS BEING TOUCHED FOR MONEY, BUT ARE NEVER INCLUDED IN SUMMITS.) HARTMAN SAID VICE PRESIDENT TELEPHONED SOARES JANUARY 27 AND TOLD HIM EVERYTHING IS ON TRACK.

10. OECD - HARTMAN AND PALLISER AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO GENERATE SOME EXERCISE IN OECD INVOLVING THE SMALLER COUNTRIES THAT COULD THEN BE TAKEN UP AT THE SUMMIT. THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN CALMING THEIR RESENTMENT.

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